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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

May 02, 2023

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPAGATION FUND GRANT AWARD
(FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Recommend approval to award grant funds from the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission Propagation Fund to Animal Tracks, Inc., during the calendar year 2023.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant request in the amount of \$10,000.00, to support the work of Animal Tracks, Inc.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Commission has determined that the grant request will promote education, conservation and the propagation of fish and wildlife thus benefiting Los Angeles County and the State of California.

At its meeting held on February 8, 2023, the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission approved a grant request from Animal Tracks, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to purchase a new water well storage tank, supplies and provide medical attention for wild and exotic animals.

Animal Tracks, Inc., mission is to take in wild and exotic animals that cannot be released back into the wild and give them a permanent protective home. Animal Tracks, Inc. completes its mission through "edutainment" (educating with fun facts) with local schools, camps, Veteran Administration facilities, etc. Animals go into their care for a variety of reasons, such as abuse and neglect, after

being retired from the entertainment industry, from prior exotic pet owners who realize that they do not have the adequate resources to provide care for the animal(s), confiscation or relinquishment, or displaced because of natural disasters. Many of these animals lack physical perfection, or they are hybrids, which makes them unqualified for zoo life. Animal Tracks, Inc. is a unique, vital part of the Los Angeles County Community.

Animal Tracks, Inc. strives to educate the public through outreach and up close animal encounters, while providing a safe and happy home for animals that return to their natural habitats. The animals get to live in habitats created just for them, with the proper nutrition, excellent health care and loving human interactions.

The grant requested will help support Animal Tracks Inc. ability to purchase a new water well storage tank, supplies and provide medical attention for the animals and meet the demand for services in 2023.

Since 1952, the Commission has supported activities and projects that promote the best methods for the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife in the State of California and County of Los Angeles.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The provision of funding for this event is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 2. (Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities – Prioritize Environmental Health Oversight and Monitoring). Animal Tracks, Inc. provides treatment and rehabilitation to exotic animals preserving their health and well-being that enhances the propagation, protection and restoration of wildlife.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to the General Fund. The approved expenditure will be charged to the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund, which has sufficient funds to cover the cost. The Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund is financed from a percentage of penalty assessments collected relating to Fish and Game code violations in Los Angeles County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 13100 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code establishes guidelines for the expenditure of fines levied for fish and game code violations. It includes enhancing fish and wildlife activities including protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

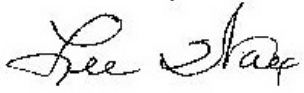
This Board action enhances the education, conservation and the propagation of fish and wildlife thus benefiting Los Angeles County and the State of California.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

5/2/2023

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Wax". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lee" and the last name "Wax" clearly distinguishable.

LEE WAX

Chairman

LW:rs

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



**VIRTUAL
STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE
COMMISSION**

<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

10:00 AM

1. Presentation and consideration of a grant proposal from the Animal Tracks, Inc. (AT) in the amount of \$15,000.00, to ensure that AT can continue to safely house animals that cannot be returned to their natural habitats, and AT's ability to provide outreach and education to the public of the threat to wildlife through human-wildlife interactions. (23-0409)

Stacy Gunderson, Executive Director, Animal Tracks, Inc., (AT), provided a brief overview of AT's mission and services. She stated that AT's mission is to take in wild and exotic animals that cannot be released back into the wild and give them a permanent protective home.

Vice Chairperson John Resich stated that due to budgetary concerns, the F&W Commission is willing to support the AT's work, in the amount of \$10,000.00 instead of the \$15,000.00 requested.

After the presentation, on motion of Vice Chairperson John Resich, seconded by Commissioner Hugo Garcia, the Commission approved the grant request from the Animal Tracks, Inc. (AT), in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be taken from the LACFW Propagation Fund, to ensure that AT can continue to safely house animals that cannot be returned to their natural habitats, and AT's ability to provide outreach and education to the public, of the threat to wildlife through human-wildlife interactions, with the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Anthea Raymond

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner James W. Etter

Excused: 1 - Chairperson Lee Wax

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE
COMMISSION**

GRANT APPLICATION TITLE PAGE

TITLE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM_____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION_____

[As it appears on (501)(c)(3) IRS Letter]

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER_____FAX_____

AMOUNT REQUESTED_____

BOARD CHAIRPERSON_____

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR_____

CONTACT PERSON_____

TITLE_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)_____

AUDITED TOTAL INCOME_____AUDITED TOTAL EXPENSES_____

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING_____AND ENDING_____

SIGNATURE OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON

DATE

Note: Please complete this title page and attach all grant application materials prior to submission. If you have any questions, you may contact the Fish and Wildlife Commission staff at (213) 974-1431.

For all areas that are not applicable, please indicate N/A in the area.

One Page Project Summary

Background on Applicant:

Purpose and goals:

Brief summary of current activities:

Geographic area served:

Major sources and dollar amount of corporate, foundation and government support during current and past fiscal year:

History of all grants received from the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission:

Project Information

Statement of justification of need:

Statement of purpose and goals:

Action plan to meet objectives:

Statement of how the objectives advance the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife:

Project budget and timetable:

Sources of other support for project:

Current status of project:

Cash flow analysis of the expenditure of project funds:

Proposed method of evaluating results:

Plans for funding on-going project (if applicable):

Please attach the following supporting documents, if applicable:

- Copy of the Latest IRS Determination Letter of Tax Exempt Status under Section 501(c) (3)
- Organization's Most Recent Audited Financial Statement
- Organization's Most Recent IRS Form 990

ATTACHMENT A

CALIFORNIA FISH AND WILDLIFE CODE

§ 13103. Expenditures from fish and wildlife propagation fund; purposes

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- (a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
- (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
- (c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.
- (d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.
- (e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.
- (f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.
- (g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.
- (h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.
- (i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.
- (j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

- (k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.
- (l) Cost incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.
- (m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

(Amended by Stats.1990, c 764 (A.B. 4039), § 3; Stats.1991, c. 561 (A.B.722), § 2.)